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The following information has been omitted from the Annual Report for the year 1942, in conformity with the Ministry of Health Circulars 2604, and 2773.

Population (1942) Registrar General	...	18,780
Density of Population	...	4 persons to an acre.
No. of inhabited houses	...	6,500 (approx.)

Total Births:-

Live Births 271 (legitimate 235, illegitimate 36).
Still Births 11 (" 11, " Nil).

Total Deaths:-

324 (Males 157, Females 167).

Deaths of Infants under 1 year:- Total 17 (Legitimate 10, Illegitimate 7).

Cancer Death Rate:- ... 2·6 per 1,000 of Population.
Phthisis Death Rate:- ... 0·8 " "

Causes of Death, 1942, per Registrar General's Return.

All causes.	Male. 157	Female. 167
1. Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fevers. ...	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever. ...	-	1
3. Scarlet Fever. ...	-	-
4. Whooping Cough. ...	-	1
5. Diphtheria ...	-	2
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	13	3
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis. ...	3	-
8. Syphilitic Diseases. ...	-	2
9. Influenza. ...	1	1
10. Measles. ...	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis.	-	-
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis. ...	-	-
13. Cancer of B:Cav: & Oesop: (M.) Uterus (F.)	5	1

	Male.	Female.
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum..	1	1
15. Cancer of Breast. ...	-	9
16. Cancer of All Other Sites. ...	14	18
17. Diabetes. ...	-	2
18. Intra-cran: Vasc: Lesions. ...	14	24
19. Heart Disease. ...	33	45
20. Other diseases of circulatory system.	6	4
21. Bronchitis. ...	9	10
22. Pneumonia. ...	6	5
23. Other respiratory diseases. ...	3	-
24. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum...	2	3
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age..	1	-
26. Appendicitis. ...	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases. ...	7	9
28. Nephritis ...	3	5
29. Puerperal and post: abort: sepsis.	-	1
30. Other maternal causes. ...	-	1
31. Premature birth. ...	3	1
32. Con: mal: birth inj: infant: dis:	3	1
33. Suicide.	2	-
34. Road traffic accidents. ...	-	-
35. Other violent causes. ...	11	7
36. All other causes. ...	17	10
Small Pox, Poliomyelitis, Polioencephalitis.	-	-
Deaths of infants under one year. — Total.	13	4
Deaths of infants under one year. — Legitimate.	9	1
Deaths of infants under one year. — Illegitimate.	4	3
Live Births. — Total.	147	124
Live Births. — Legitimate.	129	106
Live Births. — Illegitimate.	18	18
Still Births. — Total.	9	2
Still Births. — Legitimate.	9	2
Still Births. — Illegitimate.	-	-

Population: 18,780.

BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1942

on the

Health and Sanitary Condition

of the

Borough and Port of Folkestone.

by

AUSTIN PRIESTMAN,
M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health,

with which is incorporated the Report

of the

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Summary of Health Report, 1942.

Borough	Borough of Folkestone.
Area (inclusive of area covered by water)	4,099 acres.
Rateable Value...	£490,926.
Sum represented by 1d. rate. ...	£1,008.
Population (1942) Registrar General ...	*
Density of population	*

Total Births:	
Live Births	*
Still Births	*
Total Deaths:	*
Birth Rate:	14·4 per 1,000 of population.
Death Rate:	17·2 per 1,000of population.
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:	*

Infant Mortality Rate:

Legitimate 42 per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.
Illegitimate 194 per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.

Total 62 per 1,000 Births.

Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1
Cancer Death Rate	*
Phthisis Death Rate	*
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough	1
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	2

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* See separate sheet.

Report.

Borough of Folkestone.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of
the Borough of Folkestone.

Office of the Medical Officer of Health,
Folkestone, Kent.
30th June, 1943.

Mr. Mayor, and Gentlemen,

I have to submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

The Registrar General's corrected statistics of population, births, deaths, etc., from which the calculations in this report have to be made, arrived on the 4th June, 1943, and the final quarter's inward death transfers, which were lost in the post, arrived on the 26th June, 1943.

Again, in conformity with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this report has been shortened, and certain information has been omitted for the purposes of secrecy during the war. However, the calculations have been made, and a typed copy of the results is circulated on a special confidential sheet.

I am pleased again to report that infectious diseases were very low during the year.

The attendances at the various clinics have been extremely good, and the same number of clinics were held as in pre-war times.

There has been a general increase in attendances with marked increase in the case of expectant mothers.

The Infant Mortality Rate per thousand live births, I regret to say, is the highest for some years, but I am unable to give any reason for this. Five of the deaths (17) occurred outside the Borough and were inward transfers. This is probably one of those curious statistical freaks which sometimes occur and has no serious implication.

The Birth Rate per thousand of population has receded to 14·4, while the Death Rate has risen to 17·2, but is not corrected for age and sex. The exodus of the young people has a considerable bearing on these figures.

The health of the Borough in general has been very good, and especially so in the case of children; in my Routine Medical Inspection of school children I found 91% with "Excellent" and "Normal" nutrition, and only 0·36% with "Bad" nutrition.

To my colleagues in the Medical Profession I tender my thanks for their co-operation, in spite of the stress under which they are working.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

Austin Forestman

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health, and School Medical Officer. Port Medical Officer. Medical Officer, Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.	Austin Priestman, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., (Univ: Edin.)
Senior Sanitary Inspector (Borough and Port). Assistant Inspector under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations. Inspector under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act.	Herbert William Gill, F.R.San.I., Certificates Royal Sanitary Institute as "Inspector of Meat and other Foods." Advanced Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute.

Sanitary Inspectors.

H. Summerfield,	A.R.San.I.	(On War Service)	Certificate Royal Sanitary Institute as "Inspector of Meat and other Foods."
L. F. Pattman,	A.R.San.I.		
C. A. Bailey,	M.R.San.I.	(Resigned:31.3.1942)	
J. S. Nowell,	M.S.I.A.	(Killed while flying on War Service 10. 4. 42).	

Health Visitors and Maternity and Child Welfare Nurses.

Miss D. E. Collier, S.R.N., S.C.M. :	Senior Health Visitor.
" E. M. Rodgers, S.R.N., S.C.M. :	Health Visitor (Re-joined 27.4.42).

Matron P. Hart: (Part-time): (commenced 9th June, 1942)	Assisting with Immunization.

General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	4,099
Population: Registrar General	*
No. of Inhabited Houses (including flats, etc.)	*
Rateable Value	£490,926.
Sum represented by a penny rate... ...	£1,008

Vital Statistics.

Folkestone.

Live Births: Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population:	14·43
Still Births: Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population:	0·58

* See separate sheet.

Still-birth Rate per thousand total (live and still) Births:—
39·00.

Deaths:	Total.	Male.	Female.	Death Rate per thousand of Population:—
	*	*	*	17·25

Infant Mortality Rate.
Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	10	9	1
Illegitimate	7	4	3
Totals.	17	13	4

The infant mortality is at the rate of 62 per 1,000 births. This figure is above that for the whole of the country, which is 49. Of the 17 infant deaths, 12 occurred in the Borough and the remaining 5 were transfers from other towns.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All Infants,	per 1,000 Live Births ...	62.
Legitimate Infants	per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	42.
Illegitimate Infants	per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	194.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	49.
" " Measles	...	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough	...	1.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		1.

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases during the year 1942.

Causes of Death.		(At all ages.)
Diphtheria	...	2.
Puerperal Causes	...	2.
Pneumonia	...	11.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	1.
Whooping Cough	...	1.
	Total	17

* See separate sheet.

Special Causes of Sickness and Excessive Mortality in the Area:— Nil.

Infant Deaths, 1942 — (Under one Year.)

Whooping Cough	... 1	Bronchitis	... 1
Pneumonia, all forms	... 1	Gastritis	... 1
Syphilis	... 1	Injury at Birth	... 1
Premature Births	... 4	Congenital Malformation	4
Other causes	... 1	Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	... 1
Convulsions	... 1		

Total: 17.

(a) General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

These examinations are carried out by arrangement with the Kent County Laboratory at Maidstone.

During the year the following specimens have been submitted for bacteriological examination:—

	Result. Positive.	Negative
Sent by Medical Practitioners.		
Swabs for Diphtheria ...	9	(Negative results are not sent.)
Sputum for Tuberculosis ...	24	
Pus for Tuberculosis ...	2	
Blood for Typhoid Fever ...	2	
Sent by Medical Officer of Health.		
Swabs for Diphtheria ...	4	24
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	1	4

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

1. For Infectious Diseases. A motor ambulance of modern type is in use. Two stretcher cases can be carried besides the driver, attendant and nurse.

2. For Non-infectious and Accident Cases, and Maternity Cases. A motor ambulance is available for the above mentioned class of cases.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

There has been no necessity for this service other than the work of the District Nursing.

(d) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Folkestone on two afternoons in the week - Monday and Thursday - and at Cheriton on Wednesday all day.

Antenatal Clinics are held on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Cheriton and Folkestone respectively.

The Medical Officer of Health is the Medical Officer in attendance at all Clinics.

The following shows the number of visits during the year:-

Ante-natal visits	...	90
Primary visits (new born)	...	273
Secondary visits (under 1 year)	...	666
Other visits (1 to 5 years)	...	2149
Visits re Infant deaths and still-births		20
" Tuberculosis.	...	33
" Erysipelas	...	3
" Measles	...	1
" Whooping Cough	...	16
" Discharging Eyes	...	1
" Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-
" Foster Mothers	...	36
" Nurse Children	...	34
" Adoption of Children	...	9
" Miscellaneous	...	10
Total	...	3341

Attendances at the Maternity Centre during the year 1942.

	Infants.	Mothers. Ante-Natal.	Mothers. Nursing.	Total.
Individual Cases.	727	244	106	1077
Gross attendances.	5130	1055	119	6304
Examined by Doctor.				
Individual Cases.	560	244	106	910
Gross attendances.	1261	1055	119	2435

I would like to offer my thanks to Mr. J. W. D. Buttery, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, for his kind services as Consulting Obstetrician.

Ante-natal Clinic.

In spite of the front-line situation of the Borough and the many difficulties of the times the attendance at the two Ante-natal Clinics - Folkestone and Cheriton - has gone steadily up.

Attendances have greatly increased and the clinics are undoubtedly appreciated. Full advantage has been taken by mothers of the Emergency Maternity Homes, which are very popular and much appreciated.

Mr. J. W. D. Buttery, F.R.C.S., Royal Victoria Hospital, has again acted as Consulting Obstetrician for abnormal cases, and I am most grateful for his careful and willing help, which makes a really efficient Ante-natal service, affording the fullest possible protection to expectant motherhood.

Evacuation of Expectant Mothers.

Under the Government Evacuation Scheme whereby expectant mothers can be sent to Emergency Maternity Homes in the safer areas, in 1942, the number of patients who took advantage of this fine scheme was 57.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

The supervision of the Midwives still remains under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Council.

Isolation of Infectious Disease Cases.

The following cases were admitted to the Ashford or Sittingbourne Isolation Hospitals during the year 1942.

Scarlet Fever:	12	Diphtheria:(suspect):	4
" " (suspect):	3	" (carrier):	3
" " (carrier):	1	Cerebro-spinal Fever:	2
Para-Typhoid Fever:	1	Puerperal Pyrexia:	1
Diphtheria:	19	Pneumonia and Measles:	2

Total: 48

Health Visitors.

This work was carried out by the Health Visitors, who have an intimate knowledge of the home conditions of all who attend the Centre, which links up the work of the Centre with that of the Public Health Services and the School Medical Department.

Infant Life Protection — Children Acts.

At the end of the year there were eight persons receiving children for reward; the number of foster children being nine.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., Cases.

The Local Authority has an arrangement with dental surgeons in the Borough whereby cases requiring treatment are referred to them by the Medical Officer. Where the income is below a certain scale the necessary treatment is carried out free of charge to the patient. During the year I had no cases to recommend.

Cases requiring orthopaedic treatment are referred to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Registration of Nursing Homes.

The number of Maternity and Nursing Homes registered at the end of the year was two. The remainder are closed.

Maternal Mortality Rates.
Per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births.

	Puerperal Infection.	Others.	Total.
England and Wales.	0·42	1·59	2·01
Folkestone.	3·54	3·54	7·08

Births.

		Male.	Female.
Live Births.	Total.	Given on the separate confidential sheet.	
	Illegitimate.		
	Legitimate.		
Still Births.	Total.	- ditto -	
	Illegitimate.		
	Legitimate.		
	Population	- ditto -	

Registrar General's Returns — 1942.

Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1942. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns. England and Wales, London, 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London.	148 Smaller Towns.	London Administrative County.	FOLKESTONE.
Birth Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.					
Births:					
Live:	15·8	17·3	18·4	14·0	14·43
Still:	0·54	0·66	0·62	0·48	0·58
Annual Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.					
All Causes.	11·6	13·3	12·1	13·9	17·2
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers.	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00
Small-Pox.	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	0·01	0·02	0·01	0·01	0·01
Scarlet Fever.	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00
Whooping Cough.	0·02	0·03	0·02	0·04	0·05
Diphtheria.	0·05	0·06	0·04	0·02	0·10
Influenza.	0·09	0·09	0·10	0·07	0·10
Annual Death Rate per 1,000 live Births.					
Diarrhoea and Enteritis, under 2 yrs.	5·2	7·5	4·8	8·6	3·6
Total Deaths under one year.	49	59	46	60	62

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(i) Water.

The Borough water supply is under constant observation and everything that can be done to ensure continued safety of supply is being carried out. Bacteriological analyses have been satisfactory throughout the entire year, some 52 samples being taken by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. W. Gill.

The results of the 40 samples of treated and untreated water of the Upper and Lower Honeywood Springs were equally good.

The arrangements for the alternative or emergency supplies are satisfactory.

Bombed Areas — Water Analyses.

Again during this year samples of water were taken from various parts of the town from certain bombed areas for analysis to ascertain whether any pollution of the supply had taken place as the result of damage to sewers. Nothing of any moment could be traced.

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Complaints.	
No. of complaints received and dealt with ...	96
Inspections.	
Houses and premises inspected (for detection of nuisances, housing defects, provision of refuse bins, etc.)	234
Houses and premises inspected in consequence of notification received under Sec. 41 Public Health Act, 1936	20
Houses and premises re-inspected ...	159
Visits to drainage and other works in progress.	109
" " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops ...	114
" " bakehouses.. ..	29
" " factories, and homeworkers' premises.	5

(continued)

Visits to common lodging-houses	...	1
" stables	...	4
" markets	...	166
" knacker's yard		18
" in connexion with cases of infectious diseases	...	24
" foodshops and stores	...	273
Drains tested with water		12
" " smoke	...	10
Miscellaneous visits (including inspection of air-raid shelters)	...	436

Service of Notices.

Number of informal notices requiring abatement of nuisances, remedying of housing defects, provision of sanitary and other arrangements in shops, etc.	...	48

Defects Remedied.

Drains (provided, remedied, etc.)	...	45
Soilpipes (provided, etc.)	...	3
Ventilating Shafts (provided, etc.)	...	2
Water Closets (provided, etc.)	...	41
Water Supply (remedied, etc.)	...	4
Wastepipes, etc. (provided, etc.)	...	1
Paving, etc. (provided, etc.)	...	1
Dampness (remedied, etc.)	...	14
General repairs	...	33
Miscellaneous	...	26
Dust Receptacles: Galvanized iron refuse bins provided	...	15

Legal Proceedings.

Nil.

Disinfection of Premises, etc.

No. of rooms disinfected after cases of infectious diseases, etc.	...	92

Other Disinfection.

No. of articles of clothing, bedding, etc., removed to and disinfected in the Thresh Steam Disinfector	...	1471
No. of Library books disinfected	...	45
Wards at Royal Victoria Hospital disinfected	...	2

Foodstuffs Condemned from Within the Borough.

54	lbs.	Rump and loin boneless beef.
139	lbs.	Beef.
78	lbs.	Boneless beef.
112	lbs.	Top piece beef.
220	lbs.	Hindquarter beef.
374	tins	Evaporated milk.
50	tins	Beans.
5	tins	Jam.
6	lbs.	Barley.
48		Pies.
340	lbs.	Potatoes.
272		Eggs.
14	tins	Pork sausages.
7	tins	Damsons.
33	tins	Plums.
12	tins	Salmon.
2	tins	Beans in gravy.
13	tins	Apples.
84	tins	Pineapple.
20	tins	Pilchards.
1	tin	Beans in curry.
6	tins	Meat roll.
23	tins	Pork luncheon meat(6 lbs. each)
7	tins	Carrots.
44	tins	Peas.
5	tins	Braised beans.
695		Meat pies.
16	tins	Tomatoes.
11	tins	Luncheon meat.
1	tin	Lobster.
63	tins	Condensed milk.
6	tins	Sardines.
1	tin	Pears.
6	tins	Chopped ham (6 lbs. each).
240		Fish cakes.
1	lb.	Lentils.
449		Fruit pies.
64	portions	Salt cod.
45	fillets	Salt cod.
18	headless	Cod.
2	tins	Blackberries.
1	tin	Steak and kidney pudding.
1	tin	Spaghetti in tomato sauce.
9	tins	Sausage meat.
19	tins	Mandarines.
3	tins	Beetroot.
1	tin	Chopped pork.
1	tin	Chopped pork (6 lbs.)
1	tin	Gooseberries.

1	Tin	cooked ham.
12	Prs.	kippers.
5	Stone	cod.
12	Stone	fresh haddocks.
2	lbs.	cheese.
3	Carcasses	pork (910 lbs).
3	Tins	shrimp & tomato paste.
1	Tin	herrings.
10½	lbs.	Egg powder.
165	lbs.	biscuits.
3½	lbs.	toffee.
11	lbs.	Flour.
230	lbs.	Oatmeal.
112	lbs.	Dried peas.
182	lbs.	Custard powder.
112	lbs.	Pea flour.
280	lbs.	Semolina.
76	lbs.	Baking powder.
144	lbs.	Flour.
40	lbs.	Rice.
84	lbs.	Tapioca.
30	lbs.	Coffee beans.
56	lbs.	Butter beans.
36	packets	"Cremola".
50	lbs.	Green lentils.
80	lbs.	Rice chippings.
50	lbs.	Lentils.
56	lbs.	Brown beans.
112	lbs.	Ground rice.
56	lbs.	Split peas.
80	lbs.	Pearl barley.
34	lbs.	Spaghetti.
56	lbs.	Egg substitute.
3	stone	Dabs.
19	jars	Lemon curd.
10	packets	Shredded wheat.
2	lbs.	Prunes.
6	ozs.	Butter.
91	lbs.	Cod.
3	tins	Mixed vegetables.
5	tins	Soup.
1	tin	Meat galantine.
1	pot	Veal and ham paste.
6	tins	Peaches.
11	tins	Stewed steak.
3	tins	Herrings in tomato sauc
2	tins	Picnic roll.
1	tin	Oranges.
1	tin	Rhubarb.

Foodstuffs condemned from within the Borough due to enemy action.

28¼ lbs suet.
32 lbs margarine.
25¾ lbs butter.
108½ lbs lard.
89 lbs sugar.
1191 lbs flour.
10 lbs apple rings.
1 lb raisins.
105¾ lbs biscuits.
4 lbs spice.
130 lbs jam.
14 lbs curry powder.
42 lbs butter beans.
56 lbs peas.
55 lbs sweets.
3 lbs dried egg.
1 lb ground nutmegs.
7 lbs ground cloves.
3 lbs mustard.
10½ lbs bacon.
190 lbs apples.
67 lbs pears.
209 lbs mutton.
24 tins beans.
9 tins peas.
2 tins Fynnon salts.
41 tins evaporated milk.
9 tins steak and kidney pudding.
17 tins cocoa.
25 tins tomatoes.
8 tins carrots.
6 packets rusks.
39 packets "Bisto."
84 packets soup.
13 packets cornflour.
12 packets "Aspro."
10 packets egg substitute.
11 bottles sauce.
12 bottles "Walfox" (medicine)
1 bottle cod liver oil emulsion.
427 loaves bread.
77 bread rolls.
428 fancy cakes.
1 carton chocolate spread.
1 jar "Marmite."
16 christmas puddings.
37½ lbs cheese.
21 lbs prunes.
9½ lbs sultanas.
2 lbs tomato chutney.
4 lbs spaghetti.

21 gallons milk.
6 lbs toffee.
4½ lbs chocolate cream.
1 lb dripping.
4 lbs pastry.
2 lbs treacle.
24 chocolate sponge sandwich.
24 bottles mineral waters.
6 eggs.
30 lbs cauliflowers.
29 lbs parsnips.
2 lbs rhubarb.
92 lbs mutton, beef, and lamb.
6 lbs swedes.
27 fruit cakes.
18 madeira cakes.
20 ginger cakes.
10 gateaux.
9 date cakes.
11 fig tarts.
42 congress tarts.
13 short crusts.
45 sponge slices.
427 buns.
8 lemon cakes.
10 jam sponge rolls.
2 nut rings.
4 scones.
2 chocolate cakes.
2 lbs custard powder.
12 lbs cornflakes.
1 bottle horseradish.
1 bottle "Bovril."
9 bottles salad cream.
1 box Beechams pills.
3 gallons vinegar.
48 lbs split peas.
1 lb arrowroot.
3 lbs chopped ham.
41 lbs cocoa.
64 lbs semolina.
24½ lbs coffee.
15½ lbs batter flour.
229 lbs potatoes.
6½ lbs quinces.
6 tins herrings.
7 tins salmon.
15 tins soup.
2 tins blackberries.
1 tin rhubarb
4 tins pilchards.

Foodstuffs condemned from within the Borough due to enemy action (continued).

54¾	lbs tea.
104	lbs rice.
50	lbs haricot beans.
4	lbs ground rice.
1	lb ground ginger.
1	tin minced beef loaf.
10	packets "All Bran."
16	packets potato crisps.
2	packets "Marstead."
4	bottles sauce.
1	bottle orange flavouring.
7	packets bun flour.
2	bottles wine.
6	bottles lime juice.
22	lettuce.
6	punnets cress.
48	bars chocolate.
62	bars salt.
3	pots fish paste.
145	lbs apples.
19	chocolate sponges.
11	packets stuffing.
16	steak and kidney pies.
2	tins vegetables in gravy.
7	lbs figs.
180	egg powder.
10	lbs courvourture.
24	lbs shelled nuts.
169¾	lbs salt.
74	fancy cakes.
3½	lbs spice.
5½	lbs brussel sprouts.
64½	lbs cabbage.
12¾	lbs tomatoes.
22¾	lbs rolled oats.
15½	lbs pearl barley.
48	lbs runner beans.
½	lb "Beemax."
3½	lbs gravy salt.
3½	lbs cornflour.
2	lbs bun flour.
6	lbs pudding powder.
3	lbs marmalade.
4	lbs cream of tartar.
½	lb stuffing.
35	lbs raisins.
1	tin pork sausages.
13	packets bicarbonate soda
1	bottle coffee.
1	jam roll.
1	tin oat food.
3	tins pineapple.
5	tins "Bournvita."
16	packets cornflakes.
12	packets sponge mixture.
13	packets "Weetabix."
7	packets puffed wheat.
10	packets blanc mange.
22	packets shredded wheat.
36	packets cooking salt.
40	chocolate caramel loaf.
5½	lbs chocolate.
53	bars chocolate cream.
15	packets "Maltesers."
31	bars chocolate ice.
2	lbs black currants.
6	lbs gooseberries.
16	lbs plums.
6	lbs cherries.
4	lbs beetroot.
14½	lbs bread.
4½	lbs pork sausages.
24	lbs beef.
26	sausage rolls.
20	lbs marshmallows.
1½	lbs chocolate vermicilli.
23½	lbs cakes.
23	lbs tapioca.
48	lbs pastry.
2	lbs sausage meat.
2½	dozen 3d. chocolate.
14¾	lbs marrows.
1	lb onions.
7½	lbs pears.
14	lbs porridge oats.
½	lb potato fecule.
2½	lbs "Horlicks."
3½	lbs "Bisto."
3½	lbs "Cremola", rice pudding.
25	lbs custard powder.
2	lbs pancake mixture.
1	lb "Vitaweat."
2	lbs citric acid.
16½	lbs lentils.
19½	lbs dates.
1	tin picnic roll.
8	packets "Ryvita."
1	packet egg substitute.
5	bottles pickles.

Samples of Food and Drugs submitted to the Public Analyst.

Formal	...	New milk	42.	Miscellaneous Foods	24
Informal	...	"	9	"	6

Total ... 81.

Samples of Milk submitted to the County Laboratory from the Borough for Bacteriological Examination.

Accredited 12. Others 1.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

No. of Complaints received and dealt with	156
No. of Visits made by Inspectors	8,592
Approximate number of poisoned baits laid	11,795
Total number of rats known to have been destroyed (bodies found) ...	341
" Mice " " ...	169

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HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:—

(1) a. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts) 51.
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose 51.
(2) and (3) = Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 49.

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. ... 31

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

A. Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1936	...	Nil.
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts	...	Nil.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

The five farms in the Borough, and premises licensed under the Milk Orders were regularly inspected.

Samples of milk, supplied both from within and outside the Borough were taken periodically for analysis.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The information under this heading is given on pp. 13 to 15.

(c) Adulteration.

Action was taken under the various Food Orders and Regulations, 51 samples of milk being taken. Of these 1 was unsatisfactory. The purveyor was warned by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

30 samples of miscellaneous foods, etc., were taken.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The chemical analyses are carried out by Messrs. Hawkins & Roberts, of Canterbury, and the bacteriological analyses by the County Laboratory, Maidstone.

Prevalence of, and Control Over, Infectious Diseases.

The methods for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, fully described in past annual reports, have been carried on continuously and successfully.

Again the notifications of infectious diseases were low.

Vaccination.

The percentage of successful vaccinations for the year 1942 was 42·4 %.

Diphtheria Immunization.

During the year much propaganda work was done to attract and encourage parents to have their children immunized, and great strides have been made, although it was found that when there were only a very few cases of Diphtheria the parents were most apathetic.

By the end of the year the total of children completely immunize was 1256.

Diphtheria Immunization (continued).

Of the children over 5 years of age 58 % are immunized.
" " under " " 38 % "

In addition 69 children have received their 1st dosage, and a further 200 applicants were on the waiting list.

Greater attention will be paid in the New Year to the age-period of 1-5, as it forms the more important group of the two, the fatality from Diphtheria being greatest during that period. The results in that group given above are good compared with the rest of the country, but I anticipate even better results.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

Disease.	Total Cases Notified. Civil.	Total Cases Notified. Military.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	12	3	15	-
Diphtheria.	19	1	20	2
Erysipelas.	13	2	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	3	-	3	1
Dysentery.	-	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia.	12	7	9	11
Whooping Cough.	75	-	-	1
Measles.	13	-	2	-

Ophthalmia Neonatorum: No. of cases: Nil.

Tuberculosis, 1942.

Section 62, Public Health Act, 1925.
Section 172, " 1936.

No action under the above two sections was taken during the year.

New Cases and Mortality.

Age Periods.	New Cases. Pul. M.	New Cases. Pul. F.	New Cases. Non-Pul. M.	New Cases. Non-Pul. F.	Deaths. Pul. M.	Deaths. Pul. F.	Deaths. Non-Pul. M.	Deaths. Non-Pul. F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15	4	5	-	3	1	1	1	-
25	5	3	-	-	-	2	-	-
35	5	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
45	2	1	-	-	6	-	-	-
55	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
65(and upwards.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	20	10	3	3	13	3	3	-

Venereal Diseases.

Judging by my experience as Medical Officer in charge of the Child Welfare and Ante-natal Clinics in the Borough I would say that so far as the locality is concerned there is extremely little of these diseases -- certainly not sufficient to warrant the provision of a local Clinic. So far as my work is concerned these diseases are extremely rare.

Air Raid Precautions.

Visits were paid to First Aid Posts and to Air-raid shelters and various unsuitable social conditions in the latter were remedied, and some improvements were made in them.

Co-operation with the Military Authorities.

In-coming units usually send their Medical Officer to see me with the object of collaboration. Such subjects as infectious illness, sanitation, and food-stuffs have been discussed from time to time.

Factory Act, 1937.

Premises.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories with mechanical power.	5	Nil.	Nil.
Other premises.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Want of cleanliness, Nil. Overcrowding, Nil. Unreasonable Temperature, N

Ineffective drainage, Nil. Sanitary Conveniences, Nil. Other Offences.

Outwork in unwholesome premises: Nil.